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Applicant(s): Keiichi TANAKA

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FOR VACUUM DEVICE, EXPOSURE

SYSTEM, AND OPERATION METHOD FOR

EXPOSURE SYSTEM

Art Unit : 2882

Examiner : STEVEN H. WHITESELL GORDON

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2010, the term for response to which expires on July 9, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, and 11-13 are amended, and claims 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, and 14 are canceled.

Remarks begin on page 6.

This paper is being submitted via EFS-Web on <u>June 25, 2010</u>

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